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FOR MS. MARY E. KING, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ACTION, FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: EAID, SU

SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS

REFS: A) KHARTOUM 2856; B) STATE 162193

- 1. WE SPENT A RELAXED EVENING WITH FANCIS DENG JUNE 29. WE HAD A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE PEACE CORPS AT LENGTH. FRANCIS REMAINS A SUPPORTER OF THE PEACE CORPS AND BELIEVES THAT THE SUDANGOV WILL, IN DUE COURSE, INVITE IT TO PARTICIPATE IN SUDAN'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.
- 2. FRANCIS SAID FONOFF HAS BEEN TASKED WITH PREPARING A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO SUDANGOV IN EARLY AUTUMN AFTER VACATIONS AND RAMADAN. BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS COLLEAGUES, FRANCIS WAS QUITE SURE DECISION WOULD BE FAVORABLE. FRANCIS FELT THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION TO PROPOSAL ON POLITICAL GROUNDS.
- 3. FRANCIS DID NOT THINK A VISIT BY YOU AND A COLLEAGUE SHORTLY AFTER OAU SUMMIT WOULD BE FRUITFUL. MOST OF THE KEY OFFICIALS WOULD BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY ON VACATION. HE HIMSELF PLANS TO GET AWAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO JOIN HIS FAMILY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH IS ALREADY IN THE UNITED STATES. THE DENGS ARE EXPECTING THEIR THIRD CHILD IN LATE JULY OR EARLY AUGUST. (INCIDENTALLY, I PLAN TO GET AWAY MYSELF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE SUMMIT, PERHAPS AS EARLY AS JULY 24. MY SON IS GETTING MARRIED IN PHILADELPHIA IN EARLY AUGUST.)

4. I REALLY BELIEVE THE PROSPECTS FOR THE PEACE CORPS WILL

BE BETTER SERVED IF WE LET THE SUDANESE DEVELOP THEIR REQUEST IN THEIR OWN WAY AND ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN SCHEDULE. BEST REGARDS.
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